

Cancer Research in the Media: International Workshop for Scientific Journalism Frequently Asked Questions

India 2015 Workshops

Workshop Eligibility

Who is eligible to participate in these workshops?

The 2015 workshops are open to Indian journalists from the New Delhi or Mumbai metropolitan regions whose work function is to report on cancer and health news. Eligible professions are reporters, editors, and other media professionals in print, broadcast, and online publications.

Why do I have to apply for the workshop? Why can't I just sign up?

Space in the workshop is limited in order to allow sufficient discussion between faculty and participants.

What types of applicants are you seeking?

The selection committee is looking for journalists and editors who are eager to hone their skills in interpreting scientific findings to better serve the needs and interests of the general public.

I currently work in a field different from science and health reporting, but my training is in journalism. Should I still apply?

Specific experience in covering health or science is not a prerequisite for the workshop, but we do give preference to health and science journalists currently working at a media outlet such as newspaper, television, radio, etc.

Do you accept editors?

Yes. In fact, we wish more would apply, so please apply and tell your colleagues!

Do you accept communications staff or press officers?

Rarely, if ever. Since space is limited, priority is given to health or science journalists whose work reaches a large lay audience through a media outlet.

Workshop Logistics

What language will the workshops be conducted in?

The official language for the workshop will be English.

What if I can only attend part of the workshop?

You **must** be able to attend the entire workshop. Please do not apply if you cannot commit to attending the full length of the workshop.

What time will the workshop start and end?

- The **New Delhi** workshop will begin at 9:00 am on Monday, October 12, 2015, and it will end at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.
- The **Mumbai** workshop will begin at 9:00 am on Thursday, October 15, and it will end at 6:00 pm on Friday, October 16, 2015.

Who are the in-country sponsors?

- New Delhi In-Country Sponsor
 - Institute of Cytology and Preventive Oncology
 - Public Health Foundation of India
- Mumbai In-Country Sponsor
 - Tata Memorial Centre

Application and Acceptance

How will I know the status of my application?

As soon as you submit your application, you will receive a confirmation via e-mail. You will hear from us via email during mid-September with a decision on acceptance.

If I am accepted, what will attending cost me or my employer?

There is no cost for the workshop. Your travel logistics are organized by the in-country sponsor.

If I am accepted, how do I make travel arrangements?

You will be contacted by your in-country sponsor, who will be arranging logistics.

If I am accepted, how long do I have to accept or decline the offer?

Accepted applicants will have 1 week after being notified of their acceptance to commit to or decline the opportunity, after which open slots will be offered to applicants on the waiting list.

Accepted participants will be required to submit the following information, which will be explained in greater detail in future communications:

- A signed document of commitment to participate, along with supervisor approval
- A brief description of the top three challenges journalists face when reporting on cancer or health news
- Work samples that are written or produced after completing the workshop

Contact Information

If you have more questions, please contact us at NCICRiMedia@mail.nih.gov